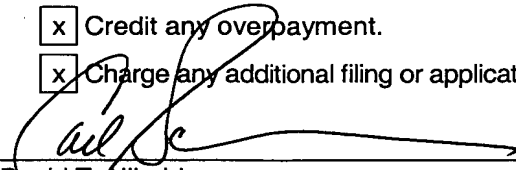


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Application No. 10/696,035-Conf. #6030	Filing Date October 30, 2003	Examiner A. M. Dunwoody	Art Unit 3679	
Applicant(s): Akira MUROI et al.				
Invention: PIPE JOINT				
TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS				
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.				
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for this amendment.				
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MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

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I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated July 7, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Claims 1, 2 and 6-10 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 3-5 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 1, 6, 7 and 9 are amended.

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

(There are no amendments to the specification)